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### \$10,000 Settlement Reached with U-Pick U-Save

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a \$10,000 settlement with U-Pick U-Save for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 1945 South Union Avenue in Bakersfield. U-Pick U-Save is a hazardous waste generator.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), signed on May 17, 2004, U-Pick U-Save will pay \$10,000 to DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UPick/Upick\\_ENF\\_CO.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UPick/Upick_ENF_CO.pdf).

U-Pick U-Save receives wrecked cars, which are placed on stands and prepared for dismantling by their customers. Customers pay a fee for entry into the facility and the opportunity to look over cars of interest for parts. The customer then pulls the parts they want off the cars and pays another fee for the parts on the way out.

The settlement stems from violations observed during an October 22, 2003 inspection at the U-Pick U-Save facility. U-Pick U-Save was cited for disposing of waste oil onto the ground and for failing to label hazardous waste containers.

U-Pick U-Save has corrected all the violations noted in the Order.

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